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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GROOM CREEK WATER USERS ASSOCIATION FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GROOM CREEK WATER USERS ASSOCIATION FOR APPROVAL OF FINANCING AND RATE CHANGES.

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STAFF RESPONSE TO COMPANY'S LETTER

On November 30, 2007, Administrative Law Judge Yvette B. Kinsey issued a Procedural Order directing, among other things, that Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") file its Staff Report in the consolidated matters on or before December 17, 2007.

One of the essential elements in preparation of the Staff Report is an engineering analysis of the Groom Creek Water Users Association ("Applicant" "Groom Creek") facilities. Since August 10, 2007, when Staff issued its sufficiency letter, Groom Creek has sought to produce the needed analysis, which Staff received on Friday, December 14, 2007.

Having acquired the needed information, Staff can now move forward in producing the Staff report. Unfortunately, there is simply not enough time for Staff to properly examine the engineering data and incorporate it into a Staff Report and still make today's deadline.

At the time that Groom Creek produced the engineering data, the company simultaneously sent a letter addressed to Judge Kinsey requesting that Staff be given additional time, specifically until December 31, 2007, in which to produce the Staff Report. Staff hereby enters its concurrence with the Applicant's request for additional time.

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